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## DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was fully steady to instances firm. Demand light to moderate, best for deferred shipments. Whole turkey trading centered on a heavy volume for May shipments, otherwise slow. The bulk parts market was active on tom drums and full-cut wings with tom necks short of buyers' needs. Bulk meat activity centered on fresh tom breast meat with some noting destrapped tenderloins not up to expectations for the time of year, balance slow.



## EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Exports were active with trading centered on drums for current shipments and on frozen thigh meat at 82 cents shipping point for June – August deliveries. Interest was noted from Asia, Eastern Europe, Mexico and Africa. Offerings mixed.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 03, 2005**

### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-68	65	65.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-68	65.25	65.25	1800	-	-	-	2400	MAY-JUL
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	65	65.00	10	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	1080	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	680	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 03 MAY 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was steady to fully steady, tom necks steady to firm, tom full-cut wings steady and tom 2-joint wings steady to barely steady. Inquiry moderate to good on tom drums with interest from South Korea into export channels. Demand active on tom necks, light to moderate on tom full-cut wings and light at best on tom 2-joint wings. Some processors are switching from producing wings to wing meat with skin due in part to the price differential and the increased further processed demand. Offerings of tom necks and drums light to short of buyers' needs with necks the least available, tom full-cut wings mostly adequate and tom 2-joint wings adequate to instances ample. Trading slow on all items. Plant grade basted 18-20 lb. breasts traded at 129 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	102.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	145.00		145.00	18
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	41.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	42.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	26.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	41.00		41.00	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	81.50	40
NECKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	29
NECKS, HEN		W	23.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	171.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	172.00		172.00	80
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	140.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	103.00		103.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	148.00	25
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	153.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	170.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	33.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		M	30.60	100
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	42.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00		27.00	260
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	42.00	104
TAILS	27.00		27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	34.00	320

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	65-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY**

**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

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The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to instances fully steady with strength noted on sized production, frozen tom breast meat steady, destrapped tenderloins steady with isolated concern noted, wing meat with skin and scapula barely steady to instances weak. Demand moderate on fresh tom breast meat, frozen tom breast meat light, destrapped tenderloins light to instances moderate with some noting movement not up to expectations, breast trim moderate to instances good, scapula light and very light to light on wing meat with skin. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat adequate, frozen tom breast meat light, destrapped tenderloins light to instances fully adequate mostly adequate, breast trim light at best, balance of white meat adequate to ample. Domestic trading was active on fresh tom breast meat, frozen tom drums and wings. Export trading was active on tom drums, tom wings and frozen thigh meat, balance slow. For domestic: livers 23.50 delivered pet foods, drumettes 26, Grade A basted 16-20 lb. breasts 120, For export: hen necks 24.50, tom necks 25, tom defatted gizzards 58.50, scapula 104, frozen tom breast meat 171 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	102.00		102.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	135.00-158.00		149.38	32
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00-43.00		42.54	296
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	42.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	38.00		38.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00-28.00		27.31	378
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	29.00		29.00	17
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	44.00		44.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	81.50	40
NECKS, TOM	27.00-29.00		28.86	86
NECKS, HEN	25.00		25.00	17
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	170.00		170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	170.00-175.00		173.08	520
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	95.00		95.00	25
BREAST TRIM MEAT	139.00-142.00		140.50	80
SCAPULA MEAT	98.00		98.00	200
TENDERLOINS		W	148.00	25
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	153.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	170.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	34.00-35.00		34.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	34.00-37.00		35.00	200

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.50-45.50		42.94	628
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	29.00		29.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	42.00	104
TAILS		T	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	34.00	320
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	84.00-87.00		84.53	274

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 05/04/05			
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		CUMULATIVE	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITE	BREEDS
2004-2005	20,100	239,073	239,073
2003-2004	No Report issued		

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POULTRY HEALTH BOARD		CUMULATIVE	
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITE	BREEDS
2004-2005	No Report Issued		
2003-2004	9,300	263,182	263,182